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IN RE THE APPLICATION OF

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the notice attached to the examiner's Advisory Action mailed October 29, 2003, ~~two and one-half months~~ after filing of the response on August 19, 2003, attached is the claims section having the proper listing of claims.

While, under the circumstances, the applicant should not have to bear any extension cost because of clear incompetence of the Patent and Trademark Office in handling of this application, if an extension fee is believed appropriate, that would only be a one month extension in view of the Advisory Action being dated October 29, 2003, and that extension fee can be

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